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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND MEANS FOR CONTROLLING A FLOW THROUGH AN EXPANDER

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 377 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 377 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address-All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.33 and MPEP 1308.

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- The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-9</u>.
- 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

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Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946).
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Pacer No./Mail Date
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
- Interview Summery (PTO-413).
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- 9. ☐ Other

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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The prior art cited herein fails to disclose a power plant comprising a condenser, a pump, a boiler, a helical screw expander with the specific structure including an intermediate port with V-shaped working chamber, a valve included in a branch line to said intermediate port being controlled by a valve as a function of a state parameter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Examiner Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4861. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday--Friday from 12:30 AM to 10:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion can be reached on 571-272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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